BELDEN POND

Palermo Twp., Waldo Co. U.S.G.S. Palermo, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass Yellow perch Golden shiner White sucker

Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 24 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F

Maximum depth - 30 feet

30 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, chain pickerel

Belden Pond lies in an area of low, wooded hills and open fields near the eastern boundary of Palermo Township. The pond can be easily reached via a short hike on a woods road off the Hostile Valley Road.

Management of Belden Pond for a coldwater sport fishery would require chemical reclamation of the pond to remove fish species that prey upon brook trout and compete with trout for food. However, since Belden Pond has an extensive tributary system and lacks a suitable site for a barrier dam, a complete kill of rough fish is highly unlikely. Therefore, management of the water should continue to emphasize warmwater fish species although stocking of large spring yearling brook trout could be considered.

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